

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry "documentary" days before the election is a clear abuse of public airways for pure self-interested political gain. The media giant's actions would be akin to having Michael Moore's movie blasted through public airways days before the election.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Imposing a biased opinion on public television is surely not in the public interest.

Sinclair's abuse of power should not occur where American families trust the information reported to them. Sinclair has an ethical duty to refrain from irresponsible programming. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them.  
Thank you.